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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF
ECUADOR

IPF:(1992-96) $11 292 000

(ECU/91/008) - Development, Improvement of Quality and Efficiency of Basic Education

Date of approval:	30 January 1992
Expected duration:	12 months
Proposed executing agency:	Government
Government implementing agency:	Ministry of Education and Culture
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$ 37 600 Source of funds: IPF
Government cost sharing:	$ 613 300
Total UNDP budget:	$ 650 900

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Project background

In the last decade the capacity to educate has increased significantly in the country. At a national level, 90 per cent of the Ecuadorean children are enrolled in school. However, the quality of the education has not improved. The level of failure and desertion is one of the highest in the continent.

The Government's national strategy of development places great importance in its goal to satisfy the basic needs of the population. Specifically, the Government is interested in orienting the educational system towards the development needs of the country. To improve the quality of education, the Ministry of Education has implemented three projects in the rural area. For the marginal urban population, there is a loan agreement with the IBRD that will offer financial support for a new project to improve the quality of education. In light of these factors, the Government has requested UNDP assistance under the present approval.

Description of project

The project will focus on the improvement of the quality of basic education for the low-income urban areas and the efficiency of the educational sector.

On the one hand, the improvement of the quality of the education contributes fundamentally to a higher inner efficiency of the educational sector, reducing the drop-out and repetition rates of the school-age population. On the other hand, it contributes to improve the capacity of the beneficiaries to continue in the educational process.

The improvement of the efficiency of the educational sector will be the result of the institutional strengthening of the Ministry of Education, the advancement of its capacity to diagnose and innovate to adequate programmes and curricula, and to respond to specific needs of the beneficiary population.

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Inputs

UNDP will provide the services of international consultants (32.5 man-months), and national consultants (59.5 man-months) on measurements of learning achievement, special education, pre-school eduction, training, and institutional strengthening; in-service training; computer and office equipment; and miscellaneous costs.

Financial data

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Personnel	222 000
Training	133 600
Equipment	270 900
Miscellaneous	24 400
Total	650 900

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